

SIMS TELLS OF CLASHES WITH NAVY DEPARTMENT

Much Valuable Advice Went Unheeded, and Officials at Home Refused Change of Policy.

CONVOYS BARELY ESCAPE

By Persistent Use of Old Code Many Secrets of Troop Movements Were Divulged to Enemy Secret Service.

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ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE SAYS WELCOMES INVESTIGATION

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WESTERVILLE, Ohio, March 15.—A statement issued today by the Anti-Saloon League of America on the proposed legislative investigation of the league in New York and that requested in Maryland by the Anti-Prohibition League, declares "There will be no investigation."

"The wets" who are behind the movement for an investigation do not want any. In fact, if they know an honest, thorough investigation of the Anti-Saloon League were to be made, they would break their necks to stop it," the statement says, and adds: "But if an investigation is wanted, let there be an investigation. The league welcomes it, and will stand or fall by the result of it."

To make an investigation of the Anti-Saloon League, it is declared, would be to make an investigation of practically every religious denomination in the country. "Just imagine what such an investigation would include and comprehend," it declares.

A long list of national and State officers are given, setting forth their affiliation with various churches and religious organizations.

Books of the league, it is asserted, are audited by paid certified public accountants.

"Have the religious denominations of that country been blind, and have the big men who support the league been fools and dupes?" is asked.

"To question the league is to question the churches," the statement asserts.

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Thin Gray Line Dealt With More Generously Than in History of Legislature.

Confederate veterans in Virginia were dealt with more generously at the session of the Legislature which adjourned last Saturday night than in any in the history of legislation on behalf of the men who followed Lee and Jackson.

For the payment of pensions, there was set aside the sum of \$830,000, an increase over the appropriation in 1919 of \$800,000. This was precisely the amount recommended by the Governor in his biennial budget.

Palmer Speaks in Michigan.
DETROIT, Mich., March 15.—Attorney General Palmer opened his campaign for the support of the Michigan delegates at the San Francisco Convention, with a brief speech here late today, while en route to Battle Creek.

The Attorney-General, defining his course in dealing with radicalism, said the revolutionary element in the United States constituted a serious menace to order, but that the government in no danger of destruction.

Palmer's speech was well received by the delegates, who were gathered here for the purpose of discussing the proposed amendments to the Michigan Constitution.

The Attorney-General